

## **Proposed Vision for Iowa's Long-Term Living System**

- The general assembly finds and declares that the vision for Iowa's long-term living system is to ensure all Iowans access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and cost effective long-term living options that maximize independence, choice, and dignity.
- The long-term living system should be comprehensive, offering multiple services and support in home, community-based, and facility-based settings; should utilize a universal assessment process to ensure that such services and support are delivered in the most integrated and life-enhancing setting; and should ensure that such services and support are provided by a well trained, motivated workforce.
- The long-term living system should exist in a regulatory climate that appropriately ensures the health, safety and welfare of consumers, while not being overly restrictive or inflexible.
- The long-term living system should sustain existing informal care systems including family, friends, volunteers and community resources; should encourage innovation through the use of technology and new delivery and financing models, including housing; should provide incentives to consumers for private financing of long-term living services and support; and should allow Iowans to live independently as long as they desire.
- Information regarding all components of the long-term living system should be effectively communicated to all those potentially impacted by the need for long-term living services and support in order to empower consumers to plan, evaluate, and make decisions about how best to meet their own long-term living needs.